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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SOMALI GOVT OBTAINS RECALL OF SYRIAN AMBASSADOR

1. SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO SOMALIA BAH A EDDINE NAKKAR IS BEING RECALLED TO DAMASCUS BY HIS GOVERNMENT AT REQUEST OF SOMALI AUTHORITIES. NAKKAR HAS BEEN POSTED TO MOGADISCIO SINCE LATE 1971 AND IS SECOND IN LENGTH OF TENURE ONLY TO NORTH KOREAN DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS. HE WAS INFORMED BY DAMASCUS TWO MONTHS AGO THAT HIS TOUR WAS BEING PROLONGED AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. EARLIER THIS MONTH, EXTENSION WAS RESCINDED, HOWEVER, AND HE WAS TOLD TO RETURN TO DAMASCUS BY END OF MONTH.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR SOMALI OFFICIAL ON AUGUST 12, NAKKAR WAS INFORMED IN CONFIDENCE THAT SOMALI GOVT HAD SOUGHT HIS RECALL BECAUSE OF ITS DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS PERFORMANCE. INCLUDED IN SOMALI ACCUSATIONS, REPORTEDLY LEVELLED BY NSS AND MOFA OFFICIALS, WAS CHARGE THAT NAKKAR WAS QTE TOO CLOSE TO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS UNQTE IN MOGADISCIO. ACCORDING TO NAKKAR, SEVERAL OTHER DIPLOMATS HAD ALSO BEEN GUILTY OF TOO CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH AMERICANS, INCLUDING EGYPTIAN UNDP DEPUTY RESREP AND EGYPTIAN MIL  
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3. WHILE ABOVE NAMED DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY, EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH ARAB DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY GENERALLY ARE EXCELLENT AND NOT RPT NOT CONFINED TO THESE INDIVIDUALS ALONE. NEVERTHELESS OUR RELATIONS WITH ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY CLOSE.

4. SOME ARABS BELIEVE PRIVATELY THAT PLO REP IBRAHIM KHATIB AND IRAQI AMBASSADOR FUNOUK SABRIHAL-KHATIB HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY CRITICAL IN THEIR TALKS WITH SOMALI OFFICIALS OF CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN SOME ARAB DIPLOMATS AND AMERICAN EMBASSY. IRAQI AMBASSADOR, WHO IS IRAQI MIL OFFICER AND FORMERLY NUMBER TWO MAN IN IRAQI MIL INTELLIGENCE, HAS BEEN VIRULENTLY ANTI-AMERICAN IN HIS PRIVATE TALKS WITH DIPLOMATS HERE.

5. NAKKAR'S AMERICAN CONNECTIONS DO NOT RPT NOT HOWEVER WHOLLY EXPLAIN GSDR DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS PERFORMANCE AND THERE IS SELF-SERVING ELEMENT IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO LET US KNOW HE IS CARRYING OUR CROSS ON UNCERTAIN ROAD BACK TO DAMASCUS (NAKKAR IS NOT RPT NOT BA'ATH PARTY MEMBER). NAKKAR INJECTED HIMSELF RATHER VIGOROUSLY INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR RELEASE OF KIDNAPPED FRENCH AMBASSADOR RWEURY TO ANGER OF FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR ADULRAHMAN BARRE. (FYI: HE IS NOT RPT NOT ABOVE SUSPICION IN HIS OWN RELATIONS WITH NSS AND IT IS LIKELY THAT IN PAST HE HAS PROVIDED NSS WITH SOME SELECTED REPORTS OF HIS TALKS WITH US. END FYI) NAKKAR'S PRIVATE LIFE NOT ABOVE REPROACH AND HE HAS ALSO BEEN INDISCREET IN HIS COMMENTS ON SIAD REGIME. GSDR NO DOUBT FEELS HE IS POOR PRISM THROUGH WHICH SOMALI SITUATION SEEN IN DAMASCUS. WHILE CLEANING HOUSE AMONG SOMALI ENVOYS IN ARAB CAPITALS, (MOGADISCIO 1198), SOMALI GOVT HAS ALSO TAKEN OCCASION TO GET RID OF NAKKAR. LOUGHRAN

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